

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA

Application No.: Divisional of Application  
No. 09/062,552

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL  
APPARATUS

Examiner: M. Walkerton

Group Art Unit: 2622

January 16, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the  
following:

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/062,522, filed on April

28, 1998 --